

(URSULA)

NOW THE POWER OF POSEIDON
HAS BEEN ONCE AGAIN MADE WHOLE
ALL THE MAGIC OF THE TRIDENT
AND THE SHELL IN MY CONTROL!
AND NOW DARK SHALL REIGN FOREVER
OVER OCEAN, SEA AND SHOAL!

Now see for yourself how banishment feels!

YOU POOR UNFORTUNATE SOUL!

#26A - *Ursula's Demise*

(Ursula cackles. In that very moment, Ariel swims past her, grabbing the magic shell.)

FLOTSAM

Egads, look out!

JETSAM

She's got the shell!

VOICE

AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH

(Ursula turns and sees Ariel holding her most prized possession, which now releases the mermaid's voice.)

URSULA

Well ... look who has my black magic now.

ARIEL

My voice ...

(touching a hand to her throat)

The spell is broken!

URSULA

Give me back my shell.

ARIEL

(raising the shell over her head)

If it breaks, you die—

URSULA

You believe that? After all the lies he's told you?

KING TRITON

Lies? What lies—?

URSULA

You told her the world above was hideous, and what was it instead?

ARIEL

(biting her lip)

Beautiful. Beautiful beyond compare ...

URSULA

He'd say anything to turn you against the Prince and his kind. Why, he's shameless!
He'd even say that they murdered your mother—

ARIEL

Wait a minute! If humans didn't kill her, then who did?

KING TRITON

(to Ursula, as the terrible truth dawns on him)

It was you, wasn't it? All these years, I've been blaming them, and it was you—

URSULA

Who? *Moi*? Why, I couldn't hurt a minnow—!

(Ariel makes a sudden, irrevocable decision.)

ARIEL

Liar—!

(Ariel throws the shell off stage to destroy it. Ursula vaporizes in a cloud of hot, steamy ink, scattering her tentacles. Ariel snatches the trident from one of them.)

URSULA

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaagggggggggggggggggghhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

FLOTSAM

Ursula!

JETSAM

No!

(King Triton rises from his imprisonment.)

KING TRITON

Ariel!

ARIEL

Daddy!